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PROMOTION OF INDIAN HOCKEY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures suggested by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for improving the performance of Indian Hockey Team in International sports events;and

(b) the strategy formulated to promote hockey in the country and bring it back to its past glory?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) & (b) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has formed an Ad-hoc Committee to improve Indian Men`s Hockey on 28th April,2008.A Selection Committee consisting of 5 former Olympians has also been formed.The Ad-hoc Committee with the assistance of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has identified and short listed a set of foreign coaches.The Ad-hoc Committee is inviting top teams to play in India.A double leg 4-Nation tournament has been firmed up for January-February, 2009. India would also host 12th Men`s World Cup at Delhi in March,2010.

A Technical Committee has been set up by the Ad-hoc Committee to regularly evaluate and monitor the progress of the players in the Coaching camps and give inputs for a systematic and scientific approach for constant improvement of performance of the players.

The domestic and international hockey calendar has been formulated with the long term vision for the Olympic 2012,World Cup,Commonwealth Games and Asian Games,2010.

Coaching camps are in progress for seniors at Bangalore and juniors at Bhopal under professional guidance with focus on fitness,physiological and bio-mechanics.

A Data Bank of the players has been prepared.FIH has also agreed to conduct seminars in India to up-date coaches and umpires with the latest techniques.